



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of May 11, 2026

1. National surveys by groups such as Gallup and Pew Research reveal that 50-70% of people who are experiencing success in their personal goals, careers, and families— attribute that success to their upbringing in a positive family environment. What was your home-life like? Did you have a positive example of a Dad or Mom to look up to? Did your mom shape you positively— if so, in what ways?
2. **Read 1 Samuel 1:1-28 as a group, with each person reading one verse until the chapter is complete.** Why would the Bible share this backstory about Hannah? Why is her biography important to the flow of biblical history?
3. Hannah's pain was deeply personal, yet she continued to worship and seek God (see verses 1-8). How does Hannah's response to suffering challenge the way we typically handle disappointment, family tension, or unanswered desires? How do we typically respond when life hurts?
4. In verses 9-18, Hannah pours out her heart to God with honest talk and bold faith. What does Hannah teach us about sincere prayer, bold faith, and bringing our deepest burdens before the Lord? How can this shape your own prayer life?
5. Hannah made a costly vow to dedicate Samuel to the Lord (1:11). What does this reveal about her priorities and trust in God? Are there areas in your life where surrendering something precious to God feels difficult? Explain your answer.
6. After God answered her prayer, Hannah faithfully kept her promise (1:24-28). Why is integrity so essential in the Christian life? How do our actions after God answers prayer reveal the authenticity of our faith?
7. In what ways does Hannah's inward character (faith, loyalty, perseverance) shape her outward impact? How does this apply to parenting, leadership, or discipleship today?
8. Hannah's influence extended far beyond her home because Samuel became a major spiritual leader in Israel. What does this suggest about the long-term spiritual impact one faithful person can have? How might your faithfulness today shape future generations?
9. Pastor Ryan stated that **"Your greatest influence flows from who you are, not just what you do."** Which aspect of Hannah's life most challenges or encourages you personally right now— deep loyalty, bold faith, kept promises, or persistent love? What practical step can you take this week to grow in that area?

Your greatest influence as a mom flows from who you are, not just what you do.